

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Olympia, Washington**

To: Genetic Counselors
Managed Care Organizations

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**Subject: Prenatal Diagnosis Genetic Counseling: 2007 Changes and Additions to CPT®
Billing Policies and Updated Rates**

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2007, the Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) will:

- Begin using the Year 2007 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) additions as discussed in this memorandum;
- Update the Prenatal Genetic Counseling Fee Schedule to include the new 2007 code and fee; and
- Update billing policy.

Overview

- **All policies previously published remain the same unless specifically identified as changed in this memorandum.**
- Do not use CPT and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes that are deleted in the “*Year 2007 CPT*” book and the “*Year 2007 HCPCS*” book for dates of service after December 31, 2006.

Fee Schedule

- You may view HRSA’s Prenatal Diagnosis Genetic Counseling Fee Schedule on-line at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/RBRVS/Index.html>
- For a paper copy of the fee schedule, see “How can I get HRSA’s provider documents?” on the last page of this memorandum.

Bill HRSA your usual and customary charge.

Maximum Allowable Fees

HRSA used the following resources in determining the maximum allowable fees for the Year 2007 additions:

- Year 2007 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base (MPFSDB) relative value units; and
- Current Conversion Factors.

Note: Due to its licensing agreement with the American Medical Association regarding the use of CPT codes and descriptions, HRSA publishes only the official brief description for all codes. Please refer to your current CPT book for full descriptions.

New Billing and Coding Policies

HRSA now requires HRSA-approved prenatal genetic counselors to bill services using CPT code 96040. When billing HRSA, providers must use ICD-9-CM diagnosis code V26.33 (genetic counseling) to receive payment for prenatal genetic counseling services.

Procedure Code	Brief Description	January 1, 2007 Maximum Allowable Fee	
		NFS	FS
96040	Genetic counseling, 30 min	\$22.93	\$22.93

HRSA pays for:

- One initial prenatal genetic counseling service; **and**
- Two follow-up prenatal genetic counseling services per pregnancy (within an 11-month period).

Note: CPT code 96040 must be billed for **both** the initial visit and the two follow-up visits.

Who is eligible for Prenatal Genetic Counseling?

- Fee-for-service (FFS) and Healthy Options (HO) clients may self-refer or be referred by any provider.
- Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) clients must be referred by their Primary Care Case Manager.
- The above clients are eligible for prenatal diagnosis genetic counseling during pregnancy and through the end of the month containing the 60th day after the pregnancy ends. These services may be provided in an office, outpatient, or inpatient hospital setting.

Note: HRSA does not require prior authorization for prenatal genetic counseling services and pays providers through the FFS system.

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Discontinued Procedure Codes for the Prenatal Diagnosis Genetic Counseling Program

Effective for claims with dates of service on and after January 1, 2007, the following procedure codes will be discontinued for the Prenatal Diagnosis Genetic Counseling program:

Discontinued January 1, 2007	Brief Description
99201	Office/outpatient visit, new
99202	Office/outpatient visit, new
99203	Office/outpatient visit, new
99204	Office/outpatient visit, new
99205	Office/outpatient visit, new
99211	Office/outpatient visit, est
99212	Office/outpatient visit, est
99213	Office/outpatient visit, est
99214	Office/outpatient visit, est
99215	Office/outpatient visit, est
99241	Office consultation
99242	Office consultation
99243	Office consultation
99244	Office consultation
99245	Office consultation
99251	Initial inpatient consult
99252	Initial inpatient consult
99253	Initial inpatient consult
99254	Initial inpatient consult
99255	Initial inpatient consult
99271	Confirmatory consultation
99272	Confirmatory consultation
99273	Confirmatory consultation
99274	Confirmatory consultation
99275	Confirmatory consultation

How do I conduct business electronically with HRSA?

You may conduct business electronically with HRSA by accessing WAMedWeb at <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>

How can I get HRSA's provider documents?

To obtain DSHS/HRSA provider numbered memoranda and billing instruction, go to the DSHS/HRSA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click *the Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link). These may be downloaded and printed.